

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (previously cancelled)

2. (currently cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A technical and commercial method of managing information comprising the steps of:

~~providing~~operating an information storage and retrieval archival system containing plural archived intellectual property (IP);

receiving IP for archival in the information storage and retrieval archival system;

collecting an archival fee for each archived IP accepted for archival;

enabling a user fee based access to the archived IP in the information storage and retrieval archival system by users through an electronic communications network;

~~, the user fees being insufficient to assure continued availability of the archived IP in the information storage and retrieval archival system; and~~

establishing an a separate endowment fund ~~associated with~~for each archived IP, ~~said endowment trust being managed separately from the user~~archival fee based access, collected for that archived IP; and

managing the endowment fund generating separately from the operations of the information storage and retrieval archival system.

wherein each endowment fund generates enduring funding for the maintenance and operation of the information storage and retrieval archival system to assure continued availability of the corresponding archived IP regardless whether there is user fee based access thereto.

Claims 4-8 (previously cancelled)

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9. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 2_3 wherein the method comprises the further step of interconnecting for operation: a main server, a mirror server, an operational backup system, a disaster recovery system, connection to the Internet and thereby to at least one of: main frame computers, personal computers, personal digital assistants, web TV sets, WAP cell phones, and dedicated Internet connections.
10. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 2_3 wherein the indexing step comprises assembling information taken from an aspects list of: intellectual property type, country of publication, author name, assignee, revenue sharing ratio, bank account, keywords, abstract, excerpts, ISBN number, ISSN number, publication date, volume number, issue number, page number, file format, file size, language rating, and violence rating.
11. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 2_3 wherein the receiving instructions for access step comprises at least one of the further steps of: reviewing a list of archived IP retrieved, selecting specific intellectual property to access, selecting a level of access, paying an access fee, and receiving the selected intellectual property.
12. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 2_3 wherein the receiving instructions for access step includes at least one of the further steps of: determining if the user is a member, signing the user as member, accepting agreement, paying membership fee, downloading access software, receiving open credit balance, reviewing fee schedule, selecting level of access, and paying further search and retrieval fees.
13. **(previously amended)** The method of claim 12 wherein the receiving instructions for access step includes at least one of the further steps of:

determining if the user has been granted permission, by the owner of the archived IP, to access to the selected IP; and

verifying the identity of the user using at least one of user id, password, computer id, CPU id, secondary password, smart cards, encoded credit cards and biometric identification systems.

Claims 14-18 (previously cancelled)

19. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of establishing a Permanent IP Identification Address (PIPA) for identifying the address of the archived IP in a Permanent IP Domain (PIPD).

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the funding of the endowment fund step further comprises the steps of:

managing the PIPD by operator-managers; and

separately managing the endowment trust from the management of the PIPD.

21. **(currently amended)** The method of claim 23 wherein the funding of the endowment fund step further comprises the steps of:

assessing an archival fee associated with archived IP sufficient to fund the endowment fund for the archived IP; and

receiving the archival fee from an IP owner of the archived IP.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:

augmenting the endowment fund for the archived IP with donations, grants or operating surplus.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:

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pooling endowment funds for a plurality of archived IP for increased permanence including increased liquidity and reduced risk.

24. (previously amended) The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of:
establishing one or more access files separate from the archived IP, each access file associated with a user;

enabling access to an access file by a user wherein each access file comprises the PIPA for the archived IP, an identity of the user, and value-added information by the user.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

accessing a user's access file by the accessing user;
combining the value-added information and the archived IP into a combined product; and
presenting the combined product to the accessing user.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

accessing a first user's first access file by a second user for forming a second access file;
combining value-added information of the first and second access files and the archived IP of the into a combined product; and
presenting the combined product to the second accessing user.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein a user accesses archived IP further comprising the steps of:

opening an access file; and
obtaining a presentation of the combined product including at least the PIPA for the archived IP and the permanently archived IP associated therewith.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

initiating the creation of an access file by a user by the entry of information associated with the archived IP; and

once the archived IP is identified, the PIPA for the archived IP, an identity of the user, and value-added information by the user can be added to the access file.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein a user accesses archived IP further comprising the steps of:

searching a plurality of access files to ascertain if archived IP is stored for retrieval; and if so

opening the access file associated with the archived IP for obtaining a presentation of the combined product including at least the PIPA for the archived IP and the permanently archived IP associated therewith.

30. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the amount of archived information for review by a user is minimized and wherein:

~~only IP selected by IP owners are archived in the PIPD; and~~

IP owners fund an endowment fund for the archived IP; and thus only IP selected and funded by IP owners are archived in the PIPD.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of establishing an index tag for each archived IP and comprising at least a PIPA for the archived IP, the index tags being useful for indexing purposes.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of backing up the access file on the storage and retrieval archival system operated in the PIPD.

33. (new) A technical and commercial method of managing information comprising the steps of:

operating an information storage and retrieval archival system containing plural archived intellectual property (IP);

receiving IP for archival in the information storage and retrieval archival system;

collecting an archival fee for each archived IP accepted for archival;

enabling a user fee based access to the archived IP in the information storage and retrieval archival system by users through an electronic communications network; and

establishing a separate endowment fund for each archived IP from the archival fee collected for that archived IP;

wherein each endowment fund generates enduring funding for the maintenance and operation of the information storage and retrieval archival system to assure continued availability of the corresponding archived IP regardless whether there is user fee based access thereto.